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1. IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATION IN BELGRADE NEUTRAL AND
NON-ALIGNED MEETING (CONCERNING WHICH THIS EMB HAS NOTHING
TO ADD TO REF A AND PREVIOUS REPORTING), GOF HAS BEEN
ACTIVE IN BILATERAL CSCE CONSULTATIONS OVER PAST THREE
WEEKS IN WARSAW, BRUSSELS, LONDON AND MOSCOW, AND THIS
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WEEK HOSTED IN HELSINKI BILATERAL TALKS WITH DELEGATION
FROM GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

2. GOF THINKING RE BELGRADE CONFERENCE HAS MODIFIED
SLIGHTLY SINCE REFTEL B. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE,
GOF IN RECENT CSCE TALKS HAS BEEN FAVORING THREE-PHASE
BELGRADE MEETING AFTER PREPARATORY JUNE 15 SESSION.

FIRST PHASE WOULD BE OPEN PLENARY SESSION OF ONE OR TWO WEEKS IN WHICH DELEGATES OF EACH COUNTRY WOULD MAKE AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC STATEMENT. IN SECOND PHASE CONFERENCE WOULD BREAK UP INTO THREE COMMITTEES, ONE FOR EACH BASKET. GOF DOES NOT FAVOR ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE FOR CBM'S. NO DRAFTING ON FINAL STATEMENT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN COMMITTEES, ACCORDING TO FINNISH VIEW. DRAFTING SHOULD BE LEFT TO THIRD PHASE WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF ANOTHER PLENARY SESSION, THIS TIME CLOSED. IN FINNISH OPINION FINAL STATEMENT SHOULD BE A POLITICAL RATHER THAN TECHNICAL DOCUMENT. IT SHOULD BE SOMETHING CLEARLY LESS THAN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND SHOULD NOT MODIFY THAT ACT. GOF BELIEVES MAIN PURPOSE OF BELGRADE MEETING SHOULD BE TO MEASURE PROGRESS AND TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE FURTHER EFFORTS NEEDED.

3. FINNS SAY THAT HAVE CONCLUDED FROM TALKS THUS FAR THAT GENERAL CONSENSUS IS EMERGING ON BELGRADE MEETING MORE OR LESS ALONG ABOVE LINES. THEY FOUND SIMILARITY OF VIEWS TO FINNISH APPROACH IN BRUSSELS AND LONDON. THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED BY TALKS IN WARSAW BECAUSE OF RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL AT WHICH GOF REPRESENTATIVES WERE RECEIVED AND INABILITY OF POLISH REPS TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY.

4. WITH RESPECT TO CONSULATIONS IN MOSCOW, MFA SOURCE SAYS USSR OFFICIALS PROFESS NOT TO BE CONCERNED OVER CURRENT CONTROVERSY ABOUT DISSIDENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE.

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EUROPE AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION. SOVIET AMB MENDELEYEVICH TOLD FINNS THAT USSR HOPES BELGRADE WILL NOT BE CARRIED ON IN POLEMICAL ATMOSPHERE, BUT SHOULD IT COME TO THAT, THE SOVIET SIDE WILL BE READY TO RESPOND IN KIND AND HAS PLENTY OF AMMUNITION.

5. FRG DELEGATION AT TALKS FEB 14-16 COVERING BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WAS HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL VON WELL, ACCOMPANIED BY NORTH AMERICA-NORTHERN EUROPE DESK OFFICER AND CSCE EXPERT VON GROLL. GERMAN DELEGATION FOUND RE CSCE THAT GOF TAKING HOPEFUL VIEW THAT DISSIDENT/HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WILL HAVE SETTLED DOWN BY SUMMER. WITH RESPECT TO WARSAW PACT PROPOSAL OF NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, GERMANS REPORT GOF REP (ILONIEMI) TOOK POSITION THAT 35 CSCE COUNTRIES SHOULD ADDRESS THE PROPOSAL AT SOME POINT BUT NOT AT BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

6. NEXT GOF BILATERAL SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MARCH
IN PRAGUE. GOF REPS LOOKING FORWARD TO MARESCA'S
VISIT MARCH 28-29.
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